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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY, MAIL AUCTION SALES HELD EACH MONTH, YOUR COLLECTION OR DUPLICATES SOLD PROMPTLY, MEMBER OF AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION

ORANGEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Jan. 25, 1929,

Mr. Howland Wood,
80 Franklin Place,
Flushing, L.I.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have a group of about 25 old Chinese coins that I would like to have classified or attributed. My knowledge of the Chinese is limited, but I believe that you are qualified.

Would it be possible for you to classify them for me? In case you can not do so, can you advise me of some one who will?

Of course, I shall pay you for the trouble and time.

Stamped envelope is enclosed for reply.

Very respectfully yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

29th January, 1929

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

We could undoubtedly classify your Chinese coins for you. We would probably have to make a charge of about ten cents per coin. I could not tell absolutely, however, until I saw them. If you care to send them on, I will do the best I can as regards price.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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ORANGEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Feb. 22, 1929,

Mr. Howland Wood,
156th St. & Broadway,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending in a package by insured parcel post, some oriental coins for classification. We recently had some correspondence and you said you would classify them. Only the scarcer or more valuable pieces need to be classified separately. The others can be grouped according to periods, or as you see fit. I enclose $2.00 for return postage on the package, or as a guarantee of good faith. Let me know your fee, and check will be promptly forwarded to you.

With sincere appreciation, I remain,

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

Copy of reply

Your package of coins reached here safely and I am today returning them to you, classified. There is nothing rare in the lot; in fact, we would term all of them common coins.

I was a whole afternoon fixing these up. I could have spent longer but did not consider them worth it. An afternoon's work is easily worth $5.00; if you care to send me another $2.00, we will call it square.

M. H. BOLENDER

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ORANGEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

March 2, 1929,

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose check of $3.00 as a balance for your efforts in classifying the oriental coins, and thank you. I did not consider the coins rare, but I wanted to have them classified and am very well pleased.

If at any time I send you coins to classify, do not hesitate to make a reasonable charge for yourself. And when there is material that is not worth the time, just group them by the dozen or so, and give the envelope a general classification.

Again thanking you, I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

6th March, 1929

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Many thanks for your cheque, and I trust you found the coins fixed up satisfactorily.

In your 48th public sale, I note Lot 163a. If this is Zerbe 135 and not 134 I desire to make a bid for it, say up to $4.50.

Very truly yours,

Curator

11th April, 1929

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received and I am herewith returning the two pieces sent. The trade dollar opens by pressing your thumb nail just above the E in States. These were made by some jewelry concern some years ago in quite large quantities. It took two dollars to make one of these lockets.

The other piece is one of Robinson's (of New Haven) fabrications. It is a mule of the Higby threepenny piece and the Confederate cent. Both dies were made by Robinson. The piece may be worth from 50 to 75 cents to one who collects these fabrications.

There is no charge for attributing these pieces.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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ORANGEVILLE, ILLINOIS.

Nov. 14, 1929,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Society,
156th & Braodway,
New York, N.Y.,

My Dear Mr. Wood:

Please attribute and describe the large Chinese coin I am sending to-day under separate cover, and return to me.

I enclose stamps for pestage. Any additional charge I shall be pleased to pay you.

Very respectfully yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

November 18th 1929

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your Chinese coin came in today and I have attributed it on the envelope. I am returning it by parcel post. There is no charge for this.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

M. H. Bolender,

Numismatist,

Orangeville, Illinois.

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money. Auction Sales a Specialty.

Your Collection or Duplicates Sold Promptly.

MEMBER: AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Jan. 4, 1930,

Mr. Howland Wood,
156th at Broadway,
New York City,

My dear Mr. Wood:

Will you please attribute the enclosed and return? Any fee for this I shall be glad to pay. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

January 8th 1930

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Sir:

The piece you sent us was made during the period of Hsien Feng, in the fifties of the last century. It is not a coin but goes under the classification of a New Year's token. The inscription reads "The Empire At Peace".

There is no charge for this.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

M. H. Bolender,
Numismatist,
Orangeville, Illinois.

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Jan. 14, 1930,

Mr. Howland Wood,
% American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending under separate cover via insured parcel post 12 Chinese pieces for attribution in your expert manner.

As these are probably not rare or valuable, you need not take much of your valuable time, but simply give them ample description for presenting them intelligently in one of my auction sales. They were with a collection of coins sent me for auction, and my own knowledge of Chinese is strictly limited.

I enclose 17c postage for their return (This includes 8c insurance fee & 9c postage, which is correct). Any fee for your expert opinions, I shall be glad to forward upon notice.

Thank you very kindly.

Very truly yours,

MHB:TK

P.S.- Kindly return the items with as little delay as possible on this occasion, as I have little time left to prepare Feb'y. catalog. MHB

January 20th 1930

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr.Bolender:

Please pardon the delay in returning the Chinese coins. We have been so busy getting ready for our Annual Meeting, that I was unable to get at them when they arrived. They are now being returned to you by parcel post insured.

The entire lot is a modern imitation, and all of them are common. They seem to prefer common types for imitating.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

M. H. Bolender,

Numismatist,

Orangeville, Illinois.

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MEMBER: AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Jan. 31, 1930,

Mr. H. Wood,
New York,

Dear sir:

At my last sale, you bid on two coin scales at $6 each, and you got one of them. I now have another, a little different from the one you got, something like the one you bid on and did not get. You can have it at $6. Do you want it ?

Very truly yours,

MHB:TY

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Feb. 3, 1930

Mr. M. H.Bolender

Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Sir:

I cannot tell whether we want the other scales that you write about. I suggest that you send them to us on approval. If you do not mind doing this I should appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

M. H. Bolender,
Numismatist,
Orangeville, Illinois.

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB

Feb. 22, 1930,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I have a collection of Mexican Revolutionary coins, classified with two diff. Wood numbers on each envelope. What I want to know, are there two different lists of Wood numbers for these pieces? For example the coin that used to go as Wood 30 (1914 Zapata DOS PESOS) has the old number 30 crossed out, and new Wood number 77. The Oaxaca 5 pesos silver that was Wood 51, now seems to be Wood 147. Is this correct. Is there a later list than that published in 1921? Please answer by return air mail. Thank you very kindly.

Very truly yours,

MHB:TK

P.S. The whole collection is classified with both sets of numbers. I have only to find out which set to use. MHB

February 24, 1930

Mr. M. H. Bolender

Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

In 1921 I wrote about the coins of the Mexican Revolutionists, and in 1928 I got out a second edition. The first had 75 numbers, and the second had 180, which calls for an entire renumbering. The second edition sells for $2.50 per copy.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

M. H. Bolender,

Numismatist,

Orangeville, Illinois.

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB

April 19, 1930,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Being doubtful about the origin of the enclosed Pine Tree shilling, I shall be glad for your expert opinion.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

April 22, 1930

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your Pine Tree shilling is an out and out fake. It is pictured as such by Crosby on Plate 1 - #21. I am half inclined to think that Bolen made it but I am not sure.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

M. H. Bolender,

Numismatist,

Orangeville, Illinois.

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CHICAGO COIN CLUB

April [illegible], 1930,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose shekel of Simon Maccabaeus that does not look good to me, I picked out of a collection. Looks like a cast to me. Give me your expert opinion.

25c for return postage enclosed. If no good, no need to register.

With best wishes.

Very truly yours,

MHB:M

April 29, 1930

M. H. Bolender

Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender: -

Both Mr. Newell and I have thoroughly examined the piece you sent and we have agreed that it is a counterfeit.

Yours very truly,

Curator.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AT 156TH STREET, NEW YORK CITY

M. H. Bolender,
Numismatist,
Orangeville, Illinois.

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MEMBER: AMERICAN NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION
CHICAGO COIN CLUB

May 24, 1930,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose a coin for your inspection, attribution, and opinion.

In handling coins of this class, I wish to be satisfied in my own mind of accurate description and facts, and it seems there is no one better qualified than yourself and Mr. Newell for this advice.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

Have photo and send back

May 26th 1930

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Ill

Dear Mr.Bolender:

The piece you sent for our inspection is a German, Masonic imitation of a Jewish shekel. It is nowhere near as good as the original.

Sincerely yours,

Curator.

May 28, 1930

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Please bid for us on the following, from your auction catalogue of the Fifty-Ninth Public Sale, Wednesday, June 4th 1930: -

# 257	$ 0.85
507	1.75
508	1.25
509	1.25
515	1.50
543	1.75
545	1.75
548	1.75
# 606	.35
607	.30

Very truly yours,

Curator.

Feb. 13,1931

M. H. Bolander

Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Please enter for us the following bid:

55¢ each on #209 (40¢ size)

Very truly yours,

Curator.

March 23,1931

M. H. Bolender

Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Please place the following bids for us, at the mail auction to be held Friday, April 3, 1931.

No. 948 (or 1167)	$1.35
No.1168	1.35
No.1202	1.00

Very truly yours,

Curator.

June 3, 1931

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, N. J.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

We are sending you by express prepaid a lot of coins for your next sale or the first sale you can get them into. We have described the pieces and you can group them into lots, as your conscience dictates. I am herewith enclosing an inventory of the pieces sent. Let us know approximately when you think the sale will be and the commission you will charge and also if you will have any other sales before autumn. You see I am taking it for granted that you will have a sale at a not too distant date. We have considerable more stuff here including a number of Napoleonic medals.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Orangeville, Illinois,
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Dear Sir:

Your numismatic material arrived in fine condition this morning and same will have my careful attention and personal classification. The collection will be sold in my sale of August 1931
No sale in July

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Numismatically yours,

M. H. BOLENDER

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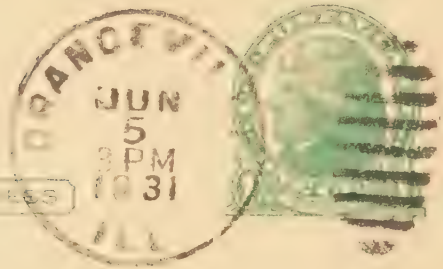

Mr. Howland Wood,
% American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

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Orangeville, Illinois

Member of American Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club

July 25, 1931,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I have your consignment of coins all classified and catalogued for the Sept. 4th auction sale. They are lots 1439 to 1563 inclusive. I have given them a lot of space and a good write-up and believe that we will do well with them.

It is unfortunate that the package arrived just a few days too late to be included in my June 26th catalog. This necessitated a long hang-over, which could not this time be avoided, as I had no sale for July or August, these being hot months, and not so good for the coin selling game. However, it will come out O.K. with better results for you, in September.

Hereafter, during the fall and winter months I will be able to give you much more prompt service, and if you have more consignments, you can keep this in mind.

I will let you know soon after the sale just how things went.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

MHB:TK

P.S.-
I have given you my low flat rate of 20% on this consignment, and I pay all expenses of the sale. MHB

July 29, 1931.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Grangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your letter at hand and I really did not expect you would get the coins in until September, so you see this is perfectly all right. Many thanks for the flat rate of 20%.

Very truly yours,

MW:JG

Your Collection or Duplicates Sold Promptly at Auction Sale

M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

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Orangeville, Illinois

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Aug. 11, 1931,

Mr. Howland Wood
Curator American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending to you to-day via express a package of Chinese and Oriental coins. I want you to help out by giving attributions, information, denominations, names of emperors, etc. to aid in cataloguing them. Do not spend too much time on them, as I would not care to spend over $10 for this service. You can write on the respective envelopes. If any in the small groups should go separately, you can insert in an envelope and describe. Package goes to you prepaid, and you may return to me collect as soon as you have finished. Send me a note of what you wish for your service, and will mail check. I like your help, because if any pieces are not genuine you will say so. Also I believe there are really some good and rare pieces in this lot. Use your best judgement, and will be O.K. with me.

Very respectfully yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

August 19, 1951.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your package of Chinese coins came while I was away. I have just opened them and Robertson is at work classifying them. I have instructed him to return them to you, as soon as he is through with them. Most of the pieces are absolute fakes. Most of the Japanese talisman are genuine. With the fake coins he is not wasting any time; simply marking them "fake".

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

August 20, 1931.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

We are returning today the Chinese coins you sent to us for identification. The cost for this work will be $5.00 including carriage.

All the Japanese "E" sen are very scarce, those with figures and ornaments (excluding Dai Koku and man or monkey pulling a horse, and the prayer sen) are rare. On three of the coins I have put prices at which they should be sold. The antique Japanese sen should bring about one dollar, all the old Chinese about ten to twenty five cents each.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

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Aug. 24, 1931,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I received the Chinese and Japanese coins to-day O.K., which you or Mr. Robertson classified for me, and I enclose my check to you for $5.00 with thanks. There seems to be a good per-centage of nice things in the lot this time, and I am pleased with the authoritative classification.

If Mr. Robertson is the man to receive this payment, then you will kindly had the check to him for me.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

August 26, 1931.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Your check received and many thanks. All this money for attributing coins goes into our duplicate coin fund and as our regular fund for purchasing is not as large as it might be, the money we get from doing this of course comes in quite handy. I am trusting that the coins in your next sale, both ours and others, will bring good prices.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY

Orangeville, Illinois

Member of American Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club

Aug 27, 1931

Dear Mr. Wood:

Give me attribution of the two enclosed Ancient Greek silver coins.

I enclose 25c for the trouble, and stamped envelope for return.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:TK

September 2, 1931.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Please pardon the delay in returning the two coins you sent, but one we wanted to have Mr. Newell verify. Both are counterfeits; one probably is an old forgery and the other is a modern one by Christodoulus. We trust you will have better luck next time.

Very truly yours,

TW:JG

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NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Sept. 18, 1931,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood,

I enclose my check to you for $150.45 as proceeds from the sale of your consignment of coins sold at auction Sept. 4th.

I also enclose checking list so that you may see just what each item realized.

I hope that you will be pleased with the general results obtained, and that I may be favored with your future consignments.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

September 23, 1931.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Many thanks for your promptness in sending check and statement of the coins sold in your last sale. On the whole, I am satisfied with the results. With any sale you have got to take averages and I think these averaged as well as could be expected. In a short while I am hoping to send you another lot, chiefly South American.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

October 5, 1931.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

By parcel post we are sending you a few more coins, quite largely South American with a bunch of New Jersey cents. I am herewith enclosing invoice and I wish you would list the first 47 lots by themselves and from 48 onwards in another group, as they belong to two different accounts of ours.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

November 4, 1931.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

We received your catalogue which contains our last consignment and make out that our coins run from No. 1179 through 1260. We, however, note that in lots 1212 to 1220, which should correspond with No. 61 and 62 or our list, you have entered a total of 151 coins, instead of the 165 that we sent you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Nov. 6, 1931,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of the 4th at hand. Your lots in the sale are Nos. 1179 to 1260 inclusive as marked in catalog, and there are two lots No. 1215. This is an attractive lot and had ought to attract two decent bids, when a set can be sold to each. Trusting that this is O.K., I am, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY

Orangeville, Illinois

Member of American Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club

Jan. 16, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose shekel for your examination and opinion. If convenient let Mr. Newell see it too. I want the truth, as I never like to handle a thing that is doubtful.

Thanks a lot.

M. H. Bolender

January 18, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your Jewish shekel of the year four is absolutely genuine. The only thing against it , it is not as well preserved as it might be. The year four is scarce. You might make a note, if you wish to; those of the year two and three are the commonest, the years one and four are scarce and the year five is very rare.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Jan. 25, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I am sending in a parcel insured, some Chinese old pieces, chiefly to determine which are fakes. Any good pieces, you can give what date is easy at hand. Don't take much time with them. I enclose $1 bill, for your trouble and return postage. Did not receive back the six cast denarii I sent you for your opinion as to source. O.K. if it takes you more time.

Thanking you, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

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January 29, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Boldender:

Your package containing Chinese coins at hand and these we returned to you yesterday, attributing those coins that were genuine, which were few and far between. All of the odd shaped ones are fakes. They all look to me as if they had been ripped out of a teakwood panel. Coins in this kind of panel are always fakes, with the exception of a few of the commoner pieces.

Concerning your other letter stating you sent on some Roman counterfeits, we have looked over our records and correspondence and find we have never received these coins, nor does anyone in the building know anything about this. They must have gotten lost in the mail. Our last correspondence was on January 16th which we answered on the 18th concerning the genuiness of a Jewish shekel.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

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Orangeville, Illinois

Member of American Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club

Feb. 1, 1932,

Mr. Howland. Wood,
Amer. Numis. Soc.,
New York City,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose three fake denarii, and I would like to know of the origin of these, or anything about them. Quite a large lot of them cam in, several hundred. Never mind about the other six I sent you. They were probably lost.

I received the Chinese pieces, and your letter of information and thank you.

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

February 3, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your letter just at hand and I can tell you nothing about your fake denarii. I have shown them to Newell and neither he nor I have ever seen this exact type of faking. In the past it has been a common practice to fake all sorts of Roman coins, not necessarily to deceive but for educational and other purposes. I am inclined to think, as you have so many, that these were made for display purposes, either for some school or something on that order. I am herewith returning the three pieces.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 27, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville,
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am sending you by parcel post insured a miscellaneous lot of settle an estate. Although we have grouped most of these up, you can re-group them to suit yourself and especially the last lot of Confederate paper money. We would appreciate it if you could get it into your next sale.

Very truly yours,

HC:JC

Curator

Please enter the following bids at your auction 2 of March 15 1932

Lot

3 or 83 — 2.50
4 or 84 — 2.50
5 or 85 — 2.50
6 or 86 — 2.50
199 — 2.50

a slight advance over the bids does not make much difference, or since $14.— for the five items.

February 29, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville,
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am herewith sending you the following bids for your sale of March 15th; and four of the pieces desired I note appear twice in your sale. Naturally please get these as cheaply as possible but if a slight advance is necessary raise our bid. However, the five lots should not be over $14.00.

Lot 3 or 83.....	$2.50
" 4 or 84.....	2.50
" 5 or 85.....	2.50
" 6 or 86.....	2.50
" 199.....	2.50

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Feb. 29, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Is the enclosed coin of Corinth genuine or a cast?

Want your unbiased opinion. I enclose 25c for a smoke for you, and stamped envelope for return. No need to register.

Yours,

Bolender

Also, what is a fair average price for Canadian Communion tokens? Have several hundred all different.

MHB

March 3, 1952.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville,
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your coin of Corinth is certainly genuine.

I have no idea what Canadian Communion tokens are worth, except that they would bring next to nothing in this country. Several years ago someone up in Halifax had a large collection he was several years trying to sell. You might write to E. A. Renaud, 747 Irene Street, Montreal, Canada. He could tell you far better than I what you could do with them. As far as I know only Canadians collect them.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

March 10, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose two Chinese pieces that I would like you to give me the classification for.

I received your consignment and will sell in early May sale, as lots 211 to 273 inclusive. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

M H Bolender

MHB:S

March 15, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Grayville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I am falling down on one of your Chinese pieces. In recent years the Chinese government or rather officials in the various mints have been turning out every conceivable sort of thing, such as restrikes of older coins, pure and simple fabrications from modern dies of old issues, denominations and mulings that never existed of older issues as well as a host of pieces that are more medals than coins. I have not attempted to keep track of all of these.

Your silver piece is absolutely new to me and I do not know who the portrait is meant to be. The reverse says One Yuan or dollar. This does not necessarily make it a coin, especially as the edge is not reeded.

The copper piece looks to me like a modern die of a twenty cash piece made about fifteen years ago for the Sinkiang of Chinese Turkestan. The pieces like this struck at that time that I have seen are of much coarser work. As I have seen several modern fabrications of the Sinkiang coinage I am inclined to think this is also a modern fabrication. However I may be doing the piece an injustice. I am writing a collector to see if he can identify the silver piece. If he can I will let you know.

Very truly yours,

M:JC

Curator

March 17, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville,
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I have been given to understand the silver dollar with the portrait of a man with peculiar cap is the portrait of General Hong Hing struck at the Tientsin mint in 1916.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 28, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I am herewith enclosing a check to pay for the silver dollars bought at your last sale.

Under separate cover I am sending you a bunch of Oriental coins to put into one of your forthcoming sales. This is more or less of an experiment. With the few gold coins all I ask is that we get net returns to at least the value of the gold. If these coins go well I have many more. I have classified each in a separate envelope but you can group these to suit yourself.

Very truly yours,

H.:JG

Curator

5 silver Abbasside Caliphs
2 gold Sultan Sulyman
7 silver Sulyman II of Egypt
1 " Great Khans
22 " rulers of Persia
2 " Jalairs
1 " Khan South Herat
√ gold Shahs of Persia
√ 0 silver " " "
10 Indian Rupees
1 silver Parthian coin
97 copper Parthian coins attributed
101 " " " unattributed

LIST OF COINS SENT FOR AUCTION

BY

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY.

5 silver Abbassee Caliphs

2 gold Great Seljukes

7 silver Seljukes of Rum

1 silver Great Khan

22 Mongols of Persia(silver)

2 Jelairs "

1 Khan Golden Horde "

5 gold Shahs of Persia

50 silver " " "

10 Indian Rupees

1 silver Parthian coin

97 copper Parthian coins attributed

100 " " " unattributed

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY

Orangeville, Illinois

Member of American Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club

April 7, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Do you consider the enclosed coin a good piece or a cast?

I got your consignment of Oriental coin in my May 3rd sale, so you will get quick service on the sale of these.

Very truly yours,

M H Bolender

MHB:S

April 9, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville,
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your Satrapical coin is a [illegible]ting.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Apr. 23, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose a few counterstamps, old Chinese pieces, and a 1793 cent that I would like to find something about if I can. Give me what you can easily give without too much trouble on each. Identify those counterstamps that you can readily do.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

If any of the odd-shaped Chinese pieces are fakes, let me know. I don't want to offer any fakes or counterfeits, if I can help it.

MHB

April 26, 1932.

Mr. A. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

We have attributed your coins and are returning them by registered mail. All of the Chinese pieces are fakes.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 27, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I omitted to ask you in my letter of yesterday if you were going to have another sale this spring. If so, I can send you a rather nice consignment of a collection of medals, coins and tokens with ships on them, that we have been requested to sell for one of our members. With this I can add some things of our own. Let me know at once how soon you will want these if you intend to hold a sale shortly.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

May 3, 1932,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

In reply to your letter of the 27th ult. please be advised that I will hold my next sale to-day, May 3rd, when I will sell your consignment as lots 211 to 273 inclusive, and 1210 to 1243 inclusive. For June 11th I have a sale also but you have nothing in that sale, and it is now too late for you to send some. But I will have another sale in July very likely, and a consignment from you for that sale will be carefully handled. In fact you may send me consignments from time to time, without fear that it will take long to sell them, as I hold more sales per year than any other dealer, averaging around ten sales, per annum.

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

May 5, 1932.

Mr. H. Wood,
New York,

My dear Mr. Wood:

I am enclosing herewith seven ancient silver coins, rather nice pieces and unusual.

I want your opinion on them for Mr. Newell's (if he is in). Also would like to have you note on each envelope a fair retail value for each piece, in your opinion.

I have my own ideas on them, of course, but in dealing in these, it is well to have the opinion of others.

I enclose $1.50. You can pay return postage from this, and keep balance.

Thanks.

Very respectfully yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

May 7, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

In the course of a few days we will be sending the consignment I spoke of in my last letter. In the meantime will you send us another catalogue of your sale held May 3rd, as I wish to send this to the person who owned some of the coins I sent you. Also, in the sale with the coins being sent you, please see that I get two catalogues.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

May 10, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your letter with the Greek coins at hand. Two or three are rather nice, two or three would be muchbbetter if they were in better condition and two are fakes. I am holding these as I want Newell to look at them and put an approximate price on them, as I do not profess to be an expert in Greek coins. He is away for a few days but I expect him back at any time.

Yesterday, I sent to you by parcel post, a consignment of coins for your auction sale. Please see that I get two catalogues as I want to send one to the owner of the ship pieces. The first 108 lots belong to one party and 109 onward belong to another, so do not mix these two lots up. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HF:JG

Curator

Orangeville, Illinois,

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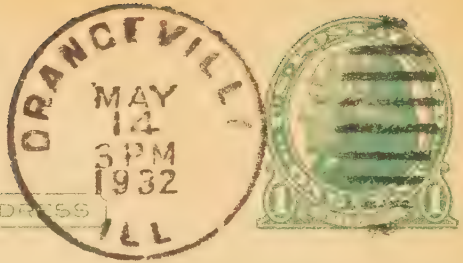
Dear Sir:

Your numismatic material arrived in fine condition yesterday and same will have my careful attention and personal classification. The collection will be sold in my sale of July 1932

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Numismatically yours,

M. H. BOLENDER



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Mr. H. Wood,
Curator Amer. Numismatic Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY

Orangeville, Illinois

Member of American Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club

May 21, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose my check to you for $77.75 as proceeds from the sale of your two consignments May 3rd.

I also enclose checking list that you might see just what each lot realized. I hope the results are satisfactory, and believe they will be.

I am returning 4 lots on which there were no decent bids. These can be included in a future consignment.

My June 11th sale catalog will reach you in a few days. I shall be glad to have some bids from you.

I have not received the Ancients that you are waiting for Mr. Newell to examine and appraise. Hold them till he comes, for I want Mr. Newell to see them. Just so you do not overlook the matter, when he comes.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

May 24, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Yours of May 21st enclosing a check for $77.75 at hand and many thanks for this. On the whole I was more than pleased with the results of the sale. More lots brought over that I expected than under. I am expecting Mr. Newell in today and if I can get him to look at those ancient coins I will return them at once to you. At any rate, he will be here on and off from now on.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

May 25, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville,
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Mr. Newell was in yesterday and I showed him the pieces. Also, I showed them to another expert. The Acanthus coin of Macedonia is an out and out fake. The Syracuse dekadrachme I think is a cast pretty nearly completely tooled over. Mr. Newell thinks it may be a genuine coin that was badly corroded and spoiled by cleaning and then almost completely retooled. Whether originally genuine or not the coin is pretty nearly worthless. We have put the price on the other coins which Mr. Newell considers the top price they would bring today.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY

Orangeville, Illinois

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May 26, 1932,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter at hand acknowledging receipt of my check for consignment sold for you at my sale May 3. I am glad that the general results obtained pleased you. The general opinion of my other clients is the same; in fact I receive some very flattering letters from many.

I note what you say about Mr. Newell's expected arrival, and it is O.K. to wait a few days before returning those ancients to me. Besides those seven coins (Ancients) sent you the 5th of May, I sent you registered May 9th, another lot of coins for your opinion, including 1796 half-dollar. I hope you got these O.K. and have placed them with the others. You can return all at once.

If you do not have these others, advise me.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

May 31, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville,
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

By this time you have received back all of your coins.

I note in your June sale, lot 1158, you are selling a complete set of the American Journal of Numismatics. I have a set, many of the numbers bound - I would say about half and half, that I would like to sell. If you should get a second bid on this lot, perhaps we could get together and sell it. Keep it in mind, please.

Very truly yours,

H.:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY

Orangeville, Illinois

Member of American Numismatic Association and Chicago Coin Club

Aug. 6, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Just home from Vacation fishing in Northern Minnesota. Had a nice trip.

What do you think the Vernon medals page 44, and the Dutch and French jetons page 45 had ought to sell for? I have inquiries and have not sold many lately.

Would be glad for an opinion from you.

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

August 10, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

In reply to your letter of the 6th would say that we are about as much up against it as you are as to what the French and Dutch jetons and Vernon medals would bring. The Vernon medals ought to bring from $1.50 to $2.00; the Dutch jetons from twenty-five to fifty cents. I am herewith enclosing a few bids for your August 16th sale. I beg to remain

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Sept. 10, 1932,

Mr. Howland Wood,
156 at Broadway,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

What can you say of the three enclosed pieces? I shall be glad for your attribution of same.

I enclose stamps for the return, and half a dollar for your services.

I shall hold an important sale this fall and there are about 350 pattern coins of the U.S. If you know anyone who is a collector of these, or much interested in them, I would be glad for the address, as this will be a very unusual opportunity that seldom comes, and the collector would likely appreciate it as much as I would.

Your material in last sale will net close to $100 I think. The report will follow this letter very closely, as it is about ready.

With good wishes to you, and appreciation,

I am,

Very respectfully yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

W. A. Wolfson
570 Ocean Ave
Brooklyn N.Y.

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NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Sept. 12, 1932,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numis. Soc.,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose reports of the sale of your two consignments Aug. 16th, and two checks for $69.27 and $28.76 respectively. I have made the reports and checks out separately as you suggested. I believe you will find the average results good.

Thanking you for your patronage, I remain,

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

September 13, 1932.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Oranoville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your letter came yesterday and I am herewith returning the pieces. The one of the United States to my mind is simply a strial piece from a rusted die, not a pattern, probably made to see whether the die was still worth using or not. I have seen others like this. The other two pieces might fall under the head of private experimental pieces, evidently made by a man named Chormann of Philadelphia. I cannot find anything about this person. He probably was a token maker or button manufacturer. I should put the date on these in the '60's or '70's.

Apparently our pieces in your last sale brought very little. You state that they net around $100.00. The only active pattern collector I know is a young man named William C. Wolfson 570 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Sept. 26, 1932,

My Dear Mr. Wood:

I am to-day sending you a parcel of 28 Oriental coins for you to attribute and for your comments. Kindly return same at your earliest convenience.

I enclose $3.00 check. You can pay return postage from this, and the rest take for your time and trouble, being careful not to spend more time on the pieces, than you are paid for. There are some pieces of interest very likely.

With best wishes, and appreciation,

I am

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

September 30, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your package of Oriental coins came yesterday and I am returning them tomorrow, parcel post insured, all attributed. Every one is genuine and several are rather scarce pieces. We happen to have all of them or I would send you bids later. The check is perfectly satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

October 18, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

We are sending by express prepaid another consignment of our duplicate coins which we are calling "A Mine Consignment" as most of these came from a mine collection. I am enclosing an invoice of these. You do not have to group them in as many lots as we have given them. As regards the $2.00 gold piece of 1806 over 4, do not let this go for less than $25.00.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Orangeville, Illinois,

OCT 24 1932

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Dear Sir:

Your numismatic material arrived in fine condition a few days ago and same will have my careful attention and personal classification. The collection will be sold in my sale of January 193 3

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Numismatically yours,

M. H. BOLENDER

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

October 28, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

I am herewith returning your half cent;as it has the small berries it is classed as a restrike, as all with the small berries are with the dates in the 40's.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

November 11, 1932

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

We would like to place the following bids for coins to be sold in your auction sale of November 29th, in accordance with the catalogue recently received from you:

No.	1272	$3.50	✓
"	1283B	5.00	
"	1284	2.25	
"	1310	5.00	
"	1375A	3.00	✓
"	1540	1.00	✓
"	1541	1.00	✓
"	1602	3.50	✓
"	1619	5.00	✓
"	1634A	0.90	
"	1661	1.75	
"	1662	3.50	
"	1664	1.50	
"	1693	1.50	✓
"	1694	1.10	
"	1701	1.00	
"	1714	1.00	
"	1715	1.00	
"	1761	5.00	✓
"	1884	2.00	✓
"	2004	10.00	✓
"	2042	2.25	✓
"	2044	1.25	

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

December 9, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your bill and the package of coins have just arrived. We have checked these over and although two or three are not quite up to the condition described and two or three are not as attributed, as we did not have these we are keeping them. I am, however, returning Lot 1701, as this is not papal by an Osella of Venice. If you will notice carefully it has had a loop on it, damaging the head and also the background on both sides has been burnished. I am also returning Lot 1310. If you do not care to take this back please say so! We were misled in the description. You had it listed as Bohemia and we did not read your description carefully. This is the ordinary thaler of Schlick made a few years later. I am returning the bill for readjustment.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Dec. 12, 1932,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

The two returned lots at hand, and you may deduct $6.30 from your account. Lot 1310 sold in Henry Chapman's sale for $5.25 and was there listed as I had it. However, you are probably right in the matter, but I think the description in my catalog should have made it safe.

I note that you state that two or three pieces are not quite up to the condition as described. I want to say, Mr. Wood, that my position in describing the condition has been strictly neutral and your position is not. When you send me consignments of coins that you wish to sell, I very often have to lower your statement as to condition, and now when you buy coins, you want them finer than my own rating which is higher than yours, when you sell. Can you explain this? The same old story, isn't it really?

With kind wishes to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

December 15, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Many thanks for your kind readjustment of the bill. No one knows better than you and I the variance of opinion in describing condition. No two people, though in all sincerity, describe quite alike and I am inclined to think the same person at different times is not always uniform.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Dec. 21, 1932,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of the 15th at hand in which you thanked me for readjusting the bill and accepting the return of two coins. But you failed to enclose the remittance, and I am wondering if this was possibly an oversight?

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB½S

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

December 24, 1932.

Mr. H. Wood,
Numismatic Soc.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

I am mailing under separate cover a small package of Coins for you to look over and classify for me please. Also what do you think of the half-cent? Rather doubtful (?).

Am enclosing a dollar bill for your trouble and return postage.

Thanking you in advance I extend you the Seasons Greetings.

MHB:GEB

M. H. Bolender.

December 28, 1932.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

By this time you have gotten our remittance which answers your letter of December 21st. The coins mentioned in your letter of December 24th came this morning, and I have classified all of your pieces. The two gold ones are modern imitations - not so much to deceive collectors as to be used by Hindus as talisman. The half cent is a casting. It is one of the best ones I have ever seen. I was not sure of this until I put it under a twenty power glass. The coins are being returned by parcel post insured.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Howland Wood – Curatorial

Bolender, Milford Henry

[Numismatist
Orangeville, IL]

1933-1937

January 10, 1933.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Will you please enter our bid on Lot 1607 in your sale of January 17th. Our bid for this is $2.10. Would you mind sending us another catalogue as we want it for our bookkeeping.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

Curator

TERMS NET CASH

133788

SHIPPED VIA

Sale proceeds $172.85

Jan. 17 account 2.26

$170.59

Paid

TERMS NET CASH

133268

SHIPPED VIA

Check for the 1804 cent, which you valued at $4, at least. I can find absolutely no trace of it. I never listed it. Do not remember of it being in the package. I send a check for $5 for it. It is my loss, for I do not have it, nor received nothing for it. I'll charge it up to wear and tear.

M H Bolender

January 31, 1933.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your letter just at hand giving prices all the things brought in your last sale. Outside of the half dimes things held fairly good. I note in looking over the prices that you did not include an 1804 cent that we sent you, Lot 131 in our list. You must have overlooked this and will find it somewhere. Getting together and will send you in a day or so several consignments for early sale. These include coins and books - details will follow later.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Feb. 2, 1933,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Broadway at 156th,
New York, N.Y.,

My dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter at hand, and note you are sending more consignments of coins and books. I will be able to get these in the March sale which I am now preparing.

I note what you say relative to an 1804 cent that you had in last consignment, and that does not seem to be listed. I have not found this piece, but I will search further for it. It might be that I threw it out as a cast or something. I can't find trace of it now, if there was one. If I can't find anything of it, I will pay you for it, what you think a fair price. I regret the matter very much, as it should not be short.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

February 4, 1933.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

We are sending you by express prepaid today or possibly Monday two cases of books and coins. In the larger case are books and coins tabulated on the yellow sheets enclosed. These should be kept separate and a check for these should be made out in my name. In the smaller case are two lots that should be kept separate as per the invoice enclosed. As for the 1804 cent, I hope you find it as the owner of these coins mentioned this cent especially and asked us what we thought it would bring. We told him it would bring at least $4.00. The cent was badly corroded and was very dark in color. Everything however on it showed perfectly and it was from the perfect die. As stated before it was Lot 131 on the invoice we sent you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Orangeville, Illinois,

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Dear Sir:

express 2 pcs.

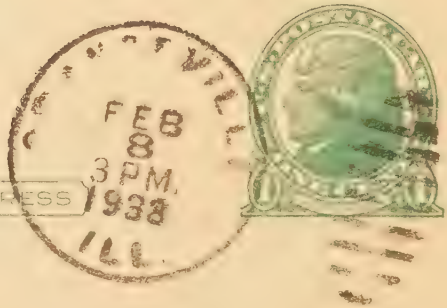
Your numismatic material arrived in fine condition to-day and same will have my careful attention and personal classification. The collection will be sold in my sale of March 193 3

Thanking you for past favors, I am

Numismatically yours,

M. H. BOLENDER

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numismatic Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

February 15, 1933.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

I am sending you today by parcel post a collection of Japanese Kwan Ei Sen, numbering 126 varieties which I wish you would put in a forthcoming sale. As it is a rather unique, interesting collection I think it should go as one lot. I have been collecting these for years and have probably over 1000 varieties. It is quite a popular series to collect in Japan and they have published a number of books on the the subject. I think the collection I am sending you is worth between $25.00 and $40.00. Most of the pieces are common, but the whole thing is in the sorting out and attributing them. They are all of one inscription, that is Kwan Ei Tsu Ho and were made in about fifty mints during over 250 years. Among them are a number of what the Japanese call Tane sen or seed sen. These are very carefully made in fine metal and are consequently very sharp and clear and are used by the workman to press into the molds to make the regular sen from.

If the purchaser of these should take any interest in them and should write you more concerning them I would be glad to help him. Herewith, if you want to give it space in your catalogue, is a brief summary of what you could use for a description.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

A collection of the Kwan Ei Sen of Japan, 126 varieties, issued with the same inscription from many mints from 1636 - 1866, much collected in Japan. This collection is probably the third finest outside of Japan and includes 30 "TANES" or seed sen which were used to press in the moulds to make the regular sen. all attributed in envelopes.
114 Bronze, 12 Iron sen.

$40.00

February 24, 1933.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

My dear Mr. Bolender:

I have just received a letter from the owner of the Maine Consignment that was sold in your January 17th sale asking where is his check. Hence this letter! Also, have you found any trace of the 1804 cent?

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

March 4, 1933.

W. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your letter and checks came today and many thanks for the same. The item deducted, $2.26, on January 17th account was presumably for the coin we bid on, 1607. Up to date we have not received this coin and we had presumed that we did not get it in the sale. We have asked everyone here if such a communication was received from you and no one claims to have received it. Mr. Robertson and myself are both positive that we did not receive it nor has our bookkeeper the bill. This is the second coin we have not received recently. I wish you would put a tracer on this as you probably have the record when and how you sent it. If lost you might as well recover. We will keep the $2.26 in suspense until you hear further. I am sorry you did not find the 1804 cent; resumably you did not check our invoice that accompanied this consignment. It was No. 131. Let's hope it will turn up some time.

Very truly yours,

W:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

March 7, 1933,

H. Wood,
New York,

Dear Wood:

I enclose $2.26 that I had deducted. The coin was not insured and your word that you did not receive it is enough for me. I'll stand the loss. I refund you $2.26. I shall hunt further for the 1804 cent. I am very sorry about the matter, and still more puzzled. It is just one of the several mysteries that occur in life. Maybe it will clear up, and if so you will certainly hear from me. We try to be most careful, my brother and I, in our business, and we seldom have any trouble of this sort.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

P.S.- The new catalogs for March 25th sale are out. Your lots are marked in groups. Do you want extra catalogs, and how many?

MHB

March 9, 1933.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your letter just at hand enclosing the $2.26. I am sorry you got stung on this. I wish, however, you would send a tracer. I reported the matter to our post office for a special reason. Yours was the second ordinary letter containing a coin that did not arrive here and since writing you we have received another letter with the contents picked out. The superintendent of our branch post office would like enough data to institute some sort of a watch as the thefts may possibly be done in our post office here.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 24, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your two checks Nos. 125 and 126 written March 1, 1933 for $170.59 and $5.00 have been returned to us by the bank with the indication that the bank of issue, that is your bank, has not yet reopened. My reason for writing to you is to ask if you have any idea as to when this may come about. When your check was received we drew a check in favor of the owner of the coins which you have sold and sent it to him and this has been cashed. As this was in our petty cash account which is carried at a near by bank our balance is reduced nearly to the minus quantity. I do not suppose that there is anything that you could do about it at present but if you are able to get any information as to whether the situation may change soon it may obviate our having to take other steps in the alternative event. Regretting the need for bringing the matter to your attention, I am

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

Secretary

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NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

March 27, 1933,

Mr. Sydney P. Noe,
New York,

Dear Mr. Noe:

Your letter at hand relative to my two checks returned since bank holiday. I regret the inconvenience, which temporarily is beyond my control.

The First National Bank of Freeport has not yet reopened. The funds are there. I was in the bank a few days ago, and there were three Federal examiners working. The bank officers informed me that the Federal men had not said a word to them either way, so we know nothing. However, they have been at the work for nearly a week now, so a statement is expected very shortly, and will know where we are then. Even though the bank fails to open, I will have funds from other sources shortly sufficient to pay you, but the temporary inconvenience is to be regretted. You will hear from me again soon.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

P.S.- Tell Mr. Wood that the sale went well. We had over 300 bid sheets, and quite a lot of bids on his books, some of which sold well up to usual prices, and of course a few were low. I think the average will suit him. MHB

March 31, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Yourhhelpful letter of March 27th is at hand. We quite realize your position and we hope with you that your bank may be opened again in a short time.

I passed on your word to Mr. Wood who is in the hospital after a successful operation and he is glad to learn the results of this sale.

Very truly yours,

SN:JG

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NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

April 10, 1933,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator,
Amer. Numis. Soc.,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I hand you herewith two checks, for $5.00 and $170.59 to replace checks on First National Bank of Freeport, Ill. which bank failed to reopen following the Banking Holidays. The bank has not yet opened, but we are expecting same momentarily, and are working hard for that end. Therefore, kindly return to me the two checks Nos. 125 & 126, because if the bank resumes business, they would become good.

Your recent consignment report is being prepared and will be sent soon. The first section netted around $15, the second around $100, the third between $40 and $50, the last over $100 to $125. Have heard that you were in the hospital, and hope for your speedy recovery.

Very truly yours,

M H Bolender

MHB:S

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NUMISMATIST

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Orangeville, Illinois

April 29, 1933,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numis. Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose the reports of the sale of the four consignments of coins, bills, and books for you March 25th. I enclose marked pages from catalog. These show gross sales of over $300 for all, and net total proceeds of $267.74. Separate checks for each will be mailed about May 20th. The usual 30-day settlement is hard to follow at this time, as collections are slow due to banking holidays. We still have over 200 banks in Illinois alone that have not reopened. Hope this slight delay will be O.K. this time. I'll get your checks to you about that time.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

P.S.- I am writing June catalog. If you wish anything in the June sale, send it within the next two weeks. MHB

May 3, 1933.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender: I was

I was on the point of writing you when your letter came. I got back to my desk yesterday after being four weeks in the hospital for a gastric operation and then two weeks home. I have looked over the results of the sale and considering the times and everything feel perfectly satisfied with the results. I have only studied as yet the results of those pieces actually mine. I thought Lot 809 would bring in the neighborhood of $20.00 but was hoping for more. Elder gets a trifle better prices for the ancient coins. The Connecticut cents brought well. Do you think you could sell 100 more varieties of these? If so, I will try to assemble a lot. We have several thousand on hand. My own coins went well, that is the Canadian and that lot. The books brought more than I expected and I am much pleased.

I am sorry that the first checks you sent us did not go through and I trust that bank will eventually open up in good shape. No one ever wants to be stung and especially in these times, although I will admit we are getting used to it.

If you want, you can make out two checks, one to me for Lot 809 and Lots 966 through 1061 which I figure amounts to $125.46, and the other check for the remaining lots to be made out to the American Numismatic Society. I appreciate your difficulties in collecting money and it will be perfectly all right for you to send checks when you are able to.

I will speak to Robertson to see if he can prepare any more lots for your June sale.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER
NUMISMATIST
Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

May 20, 1933,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numis. Soc.,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I enclose two checks, the one to yourself for $125.46 covering lot 809 and lots 966 through 1061, and the other for $142.28 to the Society for the remaining lots.

Thanks for your good remarks relative to the sale and am mighty glad to satisfy you, and will always do my level best in any case. Those Chinese pieces were too common to be worth more in my opinion, but as you say, they were attributed. Stafford is too hot-headed and makes false accusations. He is a chronic kicker and always has been, and does not have the proper reasons for complaint. I don't mind an occasional complaint if it is justified, but he is pessimistic and looks only for the bad things, and never sees the good. If we look harder for the good things in life we will find them. That's my motto. Yes, those Connecticut cents went well, but that was a small lot; I doubt whether I could dispose of a large lot of them so well, as they are generally slow sellers, unless fine. You might try a limited number in your next consignment since you have so very many on hand. I am glad the books brought more than you expected. As a rule books sell too low in my opinion. I like books. I note you say Mr. Elder gets slightly more on Ancients as a rule. This is likely the case, as ancients sell somewhat better I believe if they can be seen by prospective purchasers, as there is quite a variation in condition, color, patina, etc. Also striking of the ancients varies so much. Bidders who can see these can bid more. The ancients in your lots were rather junky in my opinion, and not good enough in condition to bring prices. I appreciate your consignments and will do my best for you at any time. I have my sale all set up for June 21, and will have no sale in July, but will have one in August, so anything you send within the next month will be sold in August. Very truly yours,

May 22, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your favor just at hand enclosing checks for $125.46 and $142.28 for which many thanks. On receipt of the coins bought I will send you a check for these. We are all very busy just now but I will send you a little later a small consignment of Connecticut cents. The Roman coins were not ours but belonged to one of our members who has been getting rid of his duplicates. His remarks were that the more junky the pieces were the better they sold in proportion. I trust the First National Bank has opened or eventually will and that everything will come out all right with you.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

August 7, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I am sending you by express a miscellaneous lot of coins to be sold at your earliest convenience. Herewith is a list of the coins contained in the package.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

September 5, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Will you please enter the following bids for us at your sale for Tuesday, September 19, 1933:

LOT	BID
1	$ 1.50
3	1.35
4	1.75
5	1.75
6	1.25
7	1.10
21	1.75
23	-.45
113	1.75
717	1.25
720	2.75
927	-.35

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

BID SHEET

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_____ 193 ___

M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Please execute the following bids for me at your sale of _____. The bids are at so much per piece. I agree to remit promptly for any lots purchased.

Name _____

Address _____

City and State _____

LOT	BID	LOT	BID	LOT	BID
1	1.50				
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(OVER)

Be sure and place your address on this sheet

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Orangeville, Illinois

Sept. 11, 1933,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

If you wish anything sold in the October sale, please try to get the material off to me sometime this week if possible. I have the cataloguing pretty well along. I can still use a couple hundred lots for the sale very well. We look for better prices this fall and winter, and shall be glad to do our best for you. Material is just at this instance a bit scarce, and the demand stronger. The first time for three years.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Sale of Sept. 19, 1933.

831		1.50
832	12 @ 07	.84
833		.40
834		1.00
835		1.35
836		.10
837	5 @ 04	.20
838	19 @ 02	.38
839	2 @ 30	.60
840		.25
841		.70
842		.65
843	Returned	
844		.15
845	3 @ 20	.60
846		.10
847		.65
848	2 @ 50	1.00
849	2 @ 15	.30
850	4 @ 25	1.00
851	3 @ 40	1.20
852	10 @ 10	1.00
853	3 @ 25	.75
854	4 @ 10	.40
855	11 @ 18	1.98
856	8 @ 03	.24
857		.80
858		.90
859	7 @ 15	1.05
860	4 @ 10	.40
861	4 @ 15	.60
862	8 @ 05	.40
863	4 @ 35	1.40
864	8 @ 05	.40
865	16 @ 10	1.60
866	29 @ 08	2.32
867	9 @ 10	.90
868	7 @ 05	.35
869	4 @ 10	.40
870	2 @ 40	.80
871	5 @ 06	.30
872	18 @ 06	1.08
873	15 @ 07	1.05
874	19 @ 07	1.33
875	4 @ 10	.40
876	2 @ 15	.30
877	12 @ 15	1.80
878	9 @ 10	.90
879	7 @ 07	.49
880	12 @ 03	.36
881	3 @ 10	.30
882	9 @ 03	.27
883	2 @ 25	.50
884	2 @ 10	.20
885	5 @ 11	.55
886	10 @ 02	.20
887	3 @ 05	.15
888	8 @ 02	.16
889	3 @ 30	.90
890	2 @ 15	.30
891	3 @ 15	.45
892	4 @ 25	1.00
893	5 @ 15	.75
894	52 @ 03	1.56
895	36 @ 03	1.08
896	22 @ 08	1.76
897	31 @ 11	3.41
898	14 @ 03	.42
899	30 @ 03	.90
900	90 @ 02	1.80
901		.45
902	4 @ 20	.80
903	4 @ 15	.60
		56.18
	Less 20% Comm.	11.23
	Proceeds	44.95

September 20, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Please pardon the delay in answering your letter of September 11th. I was away on my vacation at the time it arrived and since I got back have been busy getting ready to open up our museum. It will be impossible to send anything on just now, although I will send you some things later. Trusting you will have a good sale, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

H.:JG

Curator

October 23, 1933.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Herewith we are enclosing a bid sheet for your October 28th sale. Suppose we will hear in a few days the results of our coins in the last sale.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

February 14, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

The two lots from your sale of February 3rd at hand. I am sorry to say that I am returning the lot 479 as your description was faulty. It should have been described as issued by H. Lester 51st Regiment Illinois Volunteers. Childs was the die sinker that made the token and this obverse appears on several of Sutler's tokens. Unfortunately there is a Sutler token bearing the name of Childs and I thought this was the piece. I am enclosing seventy cents in stamps to pay for the lot bought plus charges.

Very truly yours,

HWB:JG

Curator

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Feb. 16, 1934,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your stamps at hand and returned coin in full settlement of Feb. 3rd auction account and I thank you. I note your explanation about the Child's card, and can see than in my haste I gave a faulty description in not mentioning the "H. Lester" variety. It is O.K. for you to return it.

Mr. I. Snyderman bought the Arsinoe gold octadrachm, and writes me that you have examined it and found it to be a counterfeit. I am surprised to learn this as the coin fooled me, and was in the hands of a well-known collector for years, and he bought it at a good price from a very reliable dealer. I shall be glad to hear directly your opinion about this coin, if you recall the incident, and I have much confidence in you and in Mr. Newell. Be assured that if it is a bad piece, I want to know it, and Mr. Snyderman will certainly not be obliged to accept it. I will make things right with him in full you may be sure. If it is false, we were fooled.

Thanking you in advance for any information, I am,

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

February 19, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your favor of the 16th just at hand. A man from Snyderman's shop brought in three coins the other day; a rank modern forgery of the Syracuse decadrachm, an electrotype very beautifully done of another Greek coin and the Arsinoe gold piece. If this latter had come in alone I possibly might have passed on it favorably but being in such bad company I gave it extra scrutiny. I brought out three or four of our pieces and saw right off an entirely different feeling. The color of the gold was slightly different and under a microscope I could see around the lettering and in the hair and parts of the background near the face, small bubbles or pin holes and at one part of the edge a protuberance that had been filed down. This fact helped clinch that it was a casting. This was where the metal was poured in. I also showed it to Mrs. Brett, who is a good authority on ancient coins. She agreed with me that it was a casting. I did not bother to weight it up. That also might tell the sttry. I will admit it is very skillfully done but one can make most beautiful castings in gold. Also, counterfeits are very apt to be found in old collections, as castings were made much more frequently than now. I don't blame you in the least for letting it slip through your fingers. One has almost got to take with suspicion any high priced ancient coin.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 10, 1934.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Have you any of those engraved coins of Napoleon III, either in silver or copper, done after the Franco-Prussian War, showing the emperor with a German helmet, yachting cap, etc.? If so, would you mind sending them to me on approval. I only wish the engraved ones, not the pieces struck from dies afterwards.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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NUMISMATIST

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Orangeville, Illinois

March 12, 1934,

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numis. Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Yours of the 10th at hand and regret that I have no French pieces of Napoleon III that you want. I know what you mean, but have none on hand.

I enclose some coins that I would like to have you attribute, and return. Chiefly Sassanian and Parthian. Also want to know what you think of the Syracuse Dekadrachm and its value, enclosed. I enclose a dollar; if more is necessary, advise.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

Returned

May 9, 1934.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

The coins from your last sale came to hand on Monday and I am herewith sending you a check for $19.74. I am returning two of them as unfortunately they were not as described. I have put the proper descriptions on them. I am sorry to be obliged to send back coins actually bid on.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG

Curator

Auction Sale

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M. H. BOLENDER

NUMISMATIST

Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Nov. 8, 1934,

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Soc.,
New York,

Dear Sir:

A few weeks ago I sent you a gold Mohur of India. It had a test cut in the center like an attempt at puncture. Is this common on these gold coins? One party states that they are all made that way. I want your opinion.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

P.S.- Above coin returned to me O.K.

November 10, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Indian gold and silver coins are very apt to come with one or more test marks, both on the face and the edge. On some pieces I have seen at least 20 marks. These were made by bankers to see if the thing was plated or not. I should say on both gold and silver they run about 50-50 as regards these marks.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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Dealer in Old Coins and Paper Money

Orangeville, Illinois

Nov. 21, 1934,

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have recently acquired a large group of ancient Roman coins, and among them are a few doubtfuls that are rather interesting, but about some of which I would like some information. I am sending these few to you to-day by parcel post insured for your examination. Kindly mark on the envelopes your opinion, and any information on them you have at hand, without too much trouble or research work for you. Are any of them Paduan?

I enclose $1 currency to help reimburse you for your time. Thanking you I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:B

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

November 21, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

In putting away the coins bought at your last sale I noticed in Lot 569 for which we paid $2.85, that the Tael did not look quite right. It came to us very black and we cleaned it. To begin with it is composed of two reverses, but this could happen, as anything can happen at a Chinese mint. The thing that attracted our attention was that the surface is rather wavey and the raised mill around the edge on both sides has been tampered with. The reeded edge itself has also been doctored by rubbing after it was milled. I am inclined to think the coin is put together in two pieces. The Chinese are clever at doing this to make new varieties. It rings perfectly all right but it is 2½ grains short in weight. This is rather late in calling your attention but I would like your permission to send this back and credit us with $2.85 which we paid for it.

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood

HW:JG

Curator

Yes, by all means, Mr. Wood, send it back. We don't want any bad coins sent out by us, and do all we can to avoid it. I sometimes send them to you when in doubt as you know. We don't want to catalog such. We will credit you with the amount. Glad for the information on these. MHB

November 26, 1934.

Mr. M. M. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your ancient coins received and I will have Mr. Newell look them through the next time he is in, which should be any day. When I send these back I will enclose the Chinese coin in question.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

November 28, 1934.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Mr. Newell and I have looked over your coins and all are duos except one. A few are paduans. In the same package I am returning that Chinese piece. I wish you would look this over most carefully, especially as to the surface where it ceases to be flat in places, also the edge.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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NUMISMATIST

DEALER IN OLD COINS AND PAPER MONEY

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Orangeville, Illinois

Feb. 22, 1935,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

What do you know about the enclosed coin of Syros? I am doubtful of the coin, and want your opinion or that of Mr. Newell. The style looks good, but the metal does not, and the edge seems shaved and with holes I don't like. Do you call it a cast?

I enclose stamped envelope for its return to me, with your opinion, for which I add a quarter.

Thank you very kindly.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

February 27, 1935.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your letter at hand and please pardon the delay in replying as I have been away for the past few days. Your coin of Syros is an absolute fake. It is a casting from two different combinations of dies. As far as we know there are only two known specimens, both poor, of this coinage.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

March 26, 1935.

M. H. Bolender
Orangeville
Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Could you send me rubbings of the following pieces in your 96th sale?

301 - Metapontum
309 - Parthia
583 - Counterstamp Spanish silver
638 - The piece with the center cut out
929 - Egypt - simply the one of Geta.

Will send you a few bids when I hear from you.

Very truly yours,

HW:J

Curator

APR 6 1935

Dear Mr. Wood: Sale lots have not yet been returned to us, though there has been plenty of time. Others are waiting to see them. Please return. Thanks.

Very truly yours,

M. N. MILENDER,
Orangeburg, S.C.

THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numismatic Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,
New York, N.Y.

April 8, 1935.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Your postcard just at hand and I have just sent you a telegram as follows:

WE HAVE RECEIVED NO LOTS FROM YOU PUT ON TRACER.

We were wondering why we had not heard from you and I was on the point of writing you today, asking about those lots. We have not received anything from you and I have made inquiries around the building to see if by any chance they had got mislaid. I trust you had this properly insured. If I remember rightly, this is the second thing in the course of years that has gone astray. I am herewith enclosing bids on several lots.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

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Orangeville, Illinois

April 10, 1935,

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

It seems that the parcel got through our own post office without being insured, as it should have been. We have no records of it being insured. And with a slip like this, it would of course get lost in the bargain. We have had much trouble in and about your address in the past with parcels, but when they are insured little trouble. Someone along the way is stealing parcels, all they can get by with. Of course, we can do nothing in this case. Let me know the charges for that wire, and I'll stand it. I had coins in letters that were not registered, value a dollar to $2 or $3 in each case, that I thought it would not pay to register, lost to addresses near your place. I always aim to register or insure when it goes to some N.Y. addresses, and this includes Chase National Bank. They always get "lost" if I don't insure or register, when sent there. U.S. agents are watching, there, but it is hard to get them. The parcel was very well packed, and should have been delivered even though I forgot to insure it. I certainly do not blame you in any way, and I want you to know that. Thank you very much for your cooperation. I take the loss. I'll do my best for you on the other lots.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

April 12, 1935.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

I am sorry you did not insure that package. However, there is no need of crying over spilt milk! As far as we know no package coming to us has been undelivered for some time, and the occasional package we sent out uninsured seems to arrive at its destination. In times past I have taken the matter up with the post office authorities. I cannot quite make out whether the theft is at the New York end or possibly the Chicago end. I hardly think they would dare to do such things at Orangeville. Forget about the cost of the telegram - you are losing enough as it is. We are very sorry the package got lost as there might have been possibilities in some of the coins.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 24, 1935.

M. M. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

I see I only got one lot in your last sale, which amounts to 85¢. We have a credit with you since last November of $2.85 on a Chinese coin returned at that time. Therefore, will you deduct this from the credit and you now owe us $2.00 which you can still keep on credit. I have marked the bill you sent accordingly.

Very truly yours,

MW:JG

Curator

July 29, 1935.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I have received the coins from the auction of June 29th but no bill was enclosed. I have been on my vacation and just returned and have not had any chance to write you before.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Assistant Curator

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Orangeville, Illinois

Aug. 7, 1935.

Mr. Robert Robertson,
% The A.N.A.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received or rather my statement with your personal check attached in the sum of $4.89 this morning. I notice the check is post dated Oct. 2, 1935.

You better make out a new check and mail to me and I will then return this one. Hoping this will be satisfactory I am Yours Truly,

M. H. Bolender.

Per Glen E. Nobert

August 12, 1935.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I am sorry that I should have made such a mistake. I cannot see how it could have happened as the date on the check stub is August 2. I am enclosing another check with the same number but dated August 2 and hope you will return the other check to me.

Very truly yours,

RR:JG

Curator

September 5, 1935.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

Sometime last year in one of your sales I got several sales tax tokens for one-quarter of a cent; one issued in Rock Island and the other issued in Moline, East Moline and Silvis. Now that sales tax tokens are at the front I was beginning to wonder about these as they apparently are the first ones to be made. Can you tell me anything about them - were they ever put in use and how long did they continue.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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AUDUBON PARK
156TH STREET, WEST OF BROADWAY

New York, ...

To The American Numismatic Society, Dr.

Life Membership Fee, ... $150.00

Received Payment,

Treasurer.

Please remit to CHARLES PRYER, *Treasurer.*

Membership Medal (Silver, ~~$6.00~~ 8.00; Bronze, ~~$3.00~~ 4.00), may be obtained, if desired, from the Treasurer.

March 16, 1936.

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Illinois.

Dear Bolender:

I am herewith returning the two coins attributed.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

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Orangeville, Illinois

Oct. 12, 1936,

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Soc.,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your bids at hand for Oct. 24th sale.

I enclose lot 303 for your inspection, as it is better to see a coin of this kind than to see a rubbing.

Thank you again very much for your courtesy on my visit to your institution last June.

Very truly yours,

M H Bolender

MHB:L

P.S.- Met a lot of fine foreign numismatists this summer, especially fine are Harold Mattingly, J. Allan, and E. Robinson of the British Museum; Pierre Le Gentilhomme of the French Cabinet des Monnais et Medailles in Paris; Mr. Letheren of Spink & Sons; Mr. Bourgey of Paris; and Dr. Edward Holzmair of Vienna, national collection; also liked Dr. Philip Schwinkowski in the Dresden Germany collection. There were many others too, but these were among the finest curators. MHB

P.S.- Can you let me know the treatment you gave your silver coins in your cases for exhibition, to prevent them from tarnish. Is it done to your coins in the vault too. I am preparing a few cases. And wish to use the treatment. MHB

October 14, 1936

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bollender:

Many thanks for sending the coin, Lot 503, on. This is not the piece I was hoping it would be. We have this coin and therefore please cancel our bid on Lot 503. The piece I am looking for has columns on the back and is on the same order as the Mexican piece of Charles and Johanna.

We clean today our coins by the electrical treatment. We use a battery jar filled with a solution of about 2% Potassium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) and run a direct current through the solution, stopped down to anywheres from a quarter to 4 amperes. We attach a piece of platinum or a piece of iron to the positive and the coins to the negative connection. To take corrosion, tarnish, etc. off of silver, they should stay in from four or five hours to two days. This does not remove the tarnish or corrosion but loosens it so that it may be taken off by a fairly soft brush such as an old toothbrush.

Coins should then be thoroughly washed and lacquered. We use for a lacquer Zapon Duranite B, made by the Zapon Division of the Atlas Powder Company of Stamford, Conn. They have offices in Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit, as well as other places. This lacquer is a little thick for our use and we thin it down about one half with Zapon Thinner #21. This lacquer can be applied by dipping or with a camel's hair brush. To cover the surface evenly with a brush takes a little experience and care.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
Encl.
REGISTERED

February 1, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Oraggeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

The bill and the coins ordered by Mr. Robertson on his private account have just come to hand. Mr. Robertson dropped dead on January 22nd and as far as we can figure it, left very little money.

The Society can use the two Ecuador coins, lots 306 and 307, but not the Haitian piece, No. 567. Would you be willing to have us return this? We can take the other two pieces, as I said, off of your hands.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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Orangeville, Illinois

Feb. 4, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your letter of the death of Mr. Robertson at hand, and I am very sorry to hear it. It will be perfectly all right, under the conditions, to return the Haiti piece, Lot 657, and keep the other two for the Society.

Is the enclosed Carthage gold stater OK or is it suspicious? I enclose a stamped envelope for its return registered.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

Feb. 6, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your letter just at hand and the Carthage coin is genuine. The chief trouble is it's so badly discolored because these were of not especially good alloy of gold - many of them were electrum - that it does look queer. It is absolutely all right.

I am returning the Haitian coin. Many thanks for taking this back. Also, I am enclosing check for $2.00 which pays for the other coins, postage, etc.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
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March 25, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I have been looking over your catalogue and so far see nothing that we want. However, I am much interested in your lot #910. We have two of these but I never had much information concerning them except Prince Edward Islands, probably.

I note that you state a lengthy, detailed history accompanies this cover. Would you be willing to send on this information so that I could copy it?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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Orangeville, Illinois

March 27, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Agreeably with your request of the 25th I take pleasure in enclosing the clipping relative to the Prince Edward Island Holey Dollar. Although this appears to be only from a newspaper, it seems to me that it is historically correct, and much better than the usual newspaper coin articles.

Will you please give me an estimate of what the two Holey dollars in my sale should bring, or sell for? I have never sold any of these before, and they, of course, appear so seldom. I shall appreciate this.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

Mr W [illegible]

Mar. 29, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Many thanks for sending the newspaper clipping on. I gleaned a little from this.

As for what the two "Holey" dollars should bring, I am more or less at a loss. They should be worth more than the australian ones becase they are rarer and also apply to Canada. Canadians should be interested in these but there is not much activity among the Canadian collectors today and they do not seem to care to pay much of anything for coins. I would consider a base price of about $35. but if I had them, I would try to get around $85. There are several known and I have seen three or four and have had photographs of two or three others and have heard of two or three more.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

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Orangeville, Illinois

April 8, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood,

Please attribute the enclosed coin, and return. It will not be necessary to register.

With kind wishes,

Very truly yours,

MHB:S

April 9, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your coin has always been assigned to San Domingo and it is a 4 maravedi, struck in the time of Charles and Johanna. It is also considered to be about the first issue struck in this country. It has been claimed that these were also struck in Spain and Mexico as well. However, thousands of these have been found in San Domingo so that whatever the case is, the bulk of them must have been made there.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SN ks

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Orangeville, Illinois

June 11, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York,

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have a splendid collection of ancient Greek and Roman coins to sell at auction in the fall.

It would be well if a few plates were made to illustrate some of them.

The best method, and that used in Europe seems to be to have casts made in plaster paris, and these photographed, is this not correct?

Are you in a position to make these casts, and to have the photography done there in New York, and if so, what proposition can you make me? Very likely you have had some experience in this line, and would be pleased to hear what you think about it.

A stamped envelope has been enclosed for reply.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:

June 15, 1937

Mr. M. H; Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

We are continually photographing coins and are continually making plaster casts. Our charges for making plaster casts average about 15¢ a cast, that is 30¢ per coin. These are made in colored plaster so that they photograph better than does white plaster.

We charge $4.00 for a 5 x 7 negative, getting on as many pieces as possible. Although most European catalogues prefer to photograph from plaster casts, we are more prone over here to photograph from the coins themselves, wherever possible, especially for a sales catalogue as it shows better the actual coin, its condition and to a slight extent, its discoloration, etc.

In photographing we prefer to group the coins according to the way they photograph best, rather than any arrangement you might make for laying them out on plates for the photo engraver. We find it more economical. We deliver you unmounted prints and you can arrange them to suit yourself.

Let us know your wishes and I know we can look after you.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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Orangeville, Illinois

July 31, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator Amer. Numismatic Soc.,
Broadway at 156th St.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

As per our recent correspondence on the subject of your assisting me in some plate work for auction catalogues, I am sending to-day by express prepaid, the 32 coins that I wish to have in the plates.

Inasmuch as these were consigned to me from abroad, I think this time we will have you make the casts, and then you may photograph the casts. This will make it possible for you to lay the coins out on the plates in the order in which I have them numbered, from 1 to 32, which will be catalogue order. In that way, I will be able to save considerable cost that the art engravers would otherwise charge me. You do not need to add the catalogue numbers, as the art engraver will do that for a small fee, and the numbers will be different from those I have noted on the envelopes, with are merely numbers to use by you in placing them in order for photography. By the use of casts, you will be able to follow these.

I have enclosed a uniface bronze of Nero, simply that you may examine it, and give me what information you can about it. This is not for plates.

I hope you can see yourself clear to give the work your prompt attention, and you can return them to me by express collect.

With kind wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

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August 4, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

Your coins just arrived by express and I have looked these over. I suppose you want the cut about the size of the printed matter of your catalogue, that is virtually 4-1/2 x 7. If this is correct, let me know so I can print the negatives.

Unfortunately the person who makes our casts has gone off on a three weeks' vacation and I don't know if we would have time during these three weeks to make the casts as I am away now part of the time and my assistant is going away shortly. I probably could have these made within a few days after the cast-maker returns.

I have looked these coins over carefully and I think we could get just as good results photographing direct, even as regards the bronze coins. If this is agreeable, and you are pressed for time, I can go right ahead and photograph.

We could do this two ways - photograph on a black background and turn the coins over so that they show obverse and reverse, either side by side or above and below one another, or we could photograph them on a glass background which casts absolutely no shadow and leaves a white background. These we could cut out and mount on a white cardboard so that the engraver need only print the lettering on the cardboard and make a halftone of the whole plate, leaving the halftone tint as a background. If we photograph on white, cut out the coins and mount them on proper cards, the expense would not exceed $1.00 per plate. Even this way would be far cheaper than making the casts. I may have difficulty in getting the proper coins to fit in right on the plate. I can put only three a line, obverse first line, reverse second line, obverse third line, reverse fourth line. This would leave two coins over. Possibly there would be room on the last silver plate to put the last two copper coins. I have not had a chance to work this out. However, let me know concerning the questions I have brought up.

Very truly yours,

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Orangeville, Illinois

August 6, 1937

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator American Numismatic Soc.,
New York, N.Y.,

Dear Mr. Wood:

Your good letter of the 4th inst. at hand, relative to plate work of the ancient coins I sent you.

Acting upon your advice, and being pressed for time, I will have you go ahead of photograph directly from the coins, as you suggest. Yes, the cuts will want to be of proper size for use in the back of my catalogue, the outside dimensions of the catalogue being 6x8 3/4 inches, so that your suggestion of 4½ x 7 will be right.

I think I will have you cut out and mount them in the proper order as you suggest, on a white cardboard, so that the engraver need only print the lettering or numbers on it, and make the half-tone. In case you want the catalogue numbers, here they are: No. 1 is in the catalogue as No. 14
2 is cat. No. 15; 3 is 25; 4 is 27; 5 is 40; 6 is 42; 7 is 43; 8 is 44; 9 is 45; 10 is 67; 11 is 89; 12 is 90; 13 is 91; 14 is 96; 15 is 97; 16 is 136; 17 is 139; 18 is 153; 19 is 154; 20 is 155; 21 is 159; 22 is 198; 23 is 208; 24 is 213; 25 is 287; 26 is 289; 27 is 307; 28 is 308; 29 is 317; 30 is 319; 31 is 327; 32 is 350.

You may insert the right numbers to refer to catalogue, or you may not, just as you wish.

Very truly yours,

M. H. Bolender

MHB:S

Photog. H. Kerney
[illegible]

August 11, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Boldnder:

We are planning to photograph your coins tomorrow. I have already laid them out and as I wrote you in a previous letter, I much doubted if I could get the last copper coin on the sheet; therefore I have left it out. I am enclosing layouts of the three pages. This you need not return unless you want a change made. Personally I do not see how you can arrange them in any other manner. If I can get 24 on a negative I will photograph it and send it along separately in case you want to use it. As a matter of fact, I really do not think it necessary to illustrate it.

I notice you had 18, catalogue No. 153, as Mausolus. The inscription reads Pixodarou which I think is a little scarcer than your attribution. Mr. Newell has not been in but will be before I send the coins back and I will have him look them over and see if there could be any question on any of them.

The copper piece looks perfectly all right to me. It is known as a Contorniate so token, I think used in certain games. These, if I remember rightly, were made privately.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
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Orangeville, Illinois

August 13, 1937.

Mr. Howland Wood,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Under separate cover I am mailing you a collection of Chinese pieces which I wish you would look over for me, and attribute the worth-while pieces, and give comments on others. If there are fakes please label, as I don't want to list such coins. I also include a few few other coins which you can attribute.

You can return them by express collect, and send me bill for your services.

Respectfully Yours, M H Bolender

M. H. Bolender.

MHB:GEB

P.S. Received your letter as to the Plates and that will be O K, fine.

Aug. 18, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I am herewith sending you the photographs mounted up on three plates, together with sketches showing the numbers, and I trust this will be satisfactory.

We had to make five negatives of these. The coins, with your permission, I will send on Friday. I am holding them here to show Mr. Newell as the attribution you have of snmeor two may not be wholly correct.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

August 20, 1937

Mr. M. H. Bolender,
Orangeville, Ill.

Dear Mr. Bolender:

I am herewith returning the coins to you by express collect. Mr. Newell has just looked them over and outside of the Pixadorus piece, the labels you had on the envelopes were correct; also all are genuine.

By parcel post I am sending the Chinese coins back. Every one of these is a fake; even the common round ones of the Emperor Hsien Feng with the value on the back are phoney. Why they should go to the trouble of making such pieces is beyond me. I consequently spent no time in labelling them.

Two of these are Mexican Hacienda tokens, two are from the French weights for the City of Toulouse and the four small silver I have attributed. Also the three Roman coins in the lot are phoney.

You might send us a dollar for the work involved which would include the return postage.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

M. H. BOLENDER

DEALER IN
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AUCTION SALES
ORANGEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Sold to _____

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Sending a few odd coins herewith

Note any fakes, and send brief descriptions and classifications of all. A dollar enclosed for postage and trouble, and will send balance on receipt of advice.

Bolender